

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: What's with Marlon Brando? I saw his last picture and he looked like a candidate for "The Fatty Arbuckle Story." If he wants to be stout that's his business—but it's MY business when it comes to clanking my hard-earned cash down at the box-office. And I don't like fat leading men — Jean McGough, Smithfield, Va.

Dear Jean: Marlon's melting it off, or trying to, for his next movie, "Morituri." He's shooting it at Catalina Island with Yul Brynner and is running a mile a day with his old chum Wally Cox clocking him and cheering him on.

Dear Mike: Why is CBS showing that doll Bob Cummings on Sunday nights opposite my favorite show, NBC's "Bonanza?" Bob's always been a top favorite of mine. I mean REALLY, now—why would a star of his importance put up with it? — Mrs. Mario Cole, Elmhurst, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Cole: Bob says, "And that ain't all — we're also bucking ABC's movies! But it's the only spot we could get. However, our show got some pretty good reviews so maybe we've got a chance. Meanwhile, we all come to work in our own little dream worlds every day, just pretending 'Bonanza' and 'Sunday Movies' don't exist."

Dear Sir: How is Joan Fontaine's marriage to Alfred Wright working out? She has always been a favorite of mine. I hope she's happy. — Denny Yoder, Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Denny: Their friends say it's nip and tuck and that he isn't happy about being a behind-the-scenes husband who works a regular (more or less) eight-hour grind while she goes to work nightly in her new play, "The Severed Head."

Dear Mike: Do all those idols — such as The Beatles, Bobby Rydell and Bobby Vee — fix their own hair-dos or do they get someone to do it for them? If the latter, could you please give me the names of their barbers or hairdressers or whatever? — Billy Wiggins, Goliad, Texas.

Dear Billy: Each has his own so you'd better see your local tonsorialist — but don't tell him I sent you.

Dear Mike: Why, why, why must you discriminate against the Beatles? Why won't you swing along with us Beatle fans, at least for a while?

Please say something nice about them. — Lee, a Beatle Fan, Liverpool, N.Y.

Dear Lee: The Beatles are nice. Happy now? (Seriously, Lee, I met the boys in London, when they did their show at the Palladium, and did find them to be very nice, although I couldn't hear them very well.)

Dear Mr. C.: Is it really true that my dreamboat Bob Goulet is about to become a daddy, drat it? — Ora Newland, San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Oro: Yes, he and Carol Lawrence are expecting their first. And they're so sure it'll be a boy (to be named Christopher) they're having the nursery painted blue.

Dear Sir: I recently saw Beatrice Lillie in "High Spirits" on Broadway and can't for the life of me figure why she has never become a big movie star. I fell off my seat laughing at her? What's the matter with those movie producers — can't they recognize REAL talent? — Art Jessen, East Meadow, N.Y.

Dear Art: Miss Lillie has made many a movie but always seems to prefer her true love, the legitimate theatre. I don't know why she wants to work so hard, although sometimes waiting around for the right movie part can be a drag, too. I'm looking forward to seeing her again on Allan Sherman's January special for NBC and if my old friend doesn't do her old bit about ordering a dozen damask dinner napkins I'll throw jelly beans at her.

Dear Sir: "What a Way to Go" was just about the stupidest, most tasteless picture I have seen in years. All those famous stars, acting in such garbage! They should be ashamed of themselves and the writers, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, should be permanently barred from Hollywood for writing such trash. What did it all add up to? — Joe Brody, New York City.

Dear Joe: Probably that big names do not necessarily a good movie make.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail).

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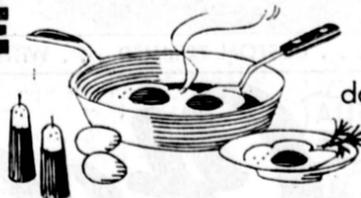
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